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FOR AMBASSADOR BARNES

FOLLOWING REPEAT KATHMANDU 1505 ACTION SECSTATE INFO WELLINGTON
NEW DELHI MAR 31:

QUOTE

UNCLAS KATHMANDU 1505

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, NP

SUBJECT: RNAC CRASH

1. RNAC STOL AIRCRAFT (PILATUS PORTER) CRASHED SHORTLY
AFTER TAKEOFF EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 31 NEAR KAHTMANDU
AIRPORT KILLING ALL FIVE ABOARD, INCLUDING LADY LOUISE
HILLARY AND DAUGHTER, BELINDA. AIRCRAFT WAS UNDER
CHARTER TO HIMALAYAN TRUST AND WAS PART OF REGULAR
PROGRAM TO FERRY EQUIPMENT TO HOSPITAL BEING CONSTRUCTED
BY SIR EDMUND HILLARY AT PHAPHLU, SOUTH OF EVEREST REGION.
PILOT RADIOED SHORTLY AFTER TAKE OFF THAT HE WAS EXPERIENC-
ING DIFFICULTIES AND FAILING ATTEMPT TO MAKE
EMERGENCY LANDING, AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR FOOT OF NORTH END
OF RUNWAY. FIRE, AS WELL AS INACCESSIBILITY OF AREA, MADE
RESCUE IMPOSSIBLE.

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2. IN ADDITION TO LADY HILLARY AND DAUGHTER, ALSO KILLED
IN CRASH WERE NEW ZEALAND PILOT (PETER SAND) AND TWO OTHER
PASSENGERS, U.S. CITIZEN MRS. A. G. LAMA (BARBARA) LAMA,
TEACHER AT LINCOLN SCHOOL IN KATHMANDU, AND HER HUSBAND.
NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN CABLE WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY.

3. PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR LAISE OF LADY HILLARY'S DEATH.
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